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The Press entered its thirty-third volume on January 1st, 1885. It will be our endeavor to make the Press more interesting and entertaining than ever.

THE INAUGURATION. — Yesterday, Wednesday, March 4th, Grover Cleveland was inaugurated President of the United States. From all accounts an immense crowd was expected, and very extensive arrangements were made for a grand display, both civil and military.

We have made arrangements to present our readers with the proceedings in detail.

—President Cleveland and party arrived in Washington on Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock.

—Another terrific colliery explosion has occurred in England, caused by fire damp. There were 150 men in the mine. 36 dead bodies have been recovered from the ruins, and a force is still looking for more victims.

—The Legislature has increased the annual appropriation for the University of North Carolina to \$27,500, with a view to establishing the institution on a higher plan. The faculty will be greatly increased. A permanent chair of Science Teaching has been provided for.

THE RALEIGH CHRONICLE. — Sorry to see it announced that the above named bright, newsy and very ably conducted daily has been discontinued. In the last number the editor says: "After this issue the *Chronicle* will be merged into the *State Chronicle* (weekly). This step will be taken in order to make the paper better than either daily or weekly has ever before been, and more nearly worthy of the liberal and increasing patronage that they have received. The career of the *Chronicle*, in its various sizes and editions, has been a career of steady growth.

THE MOON. — The March moon falls on the 30th at 39 minutes after 11 o'clock in the morning. She is the queen of the full moons for the whole year, being the first moon that reaches her rounded outline after the vernal equinox. She therefore determines indirectly when Easter Sunday shall fall, and consequently regulates the movable feasts and fasts of the Church. Our nearest celestial neighbor, the moon, thus exerts a great influence on human affairs. The moon is in conjunction with Uranus on the 24th, with Venus on the 15th, and with Mars on the 16th. The new moon of the 16th is in conjunction with Mercury on the day of her change, with Neptune on the 20th, with Saturn on the 23d, with Jupiter on the 27th, and closes the list with a second conjunction with Uranus on the 27th. — *Scientific American*.

—The bill providing for three new judges and three new solicitors has passed both branches of the Legislature, as has been heretofore announced, but that is not all of it. The State is to be divided now into 12 new districts, instead of 9, and the Legislature at present is to get his county in some district which has no county in it now which has a judge—with a view to ermine for himself or for some friend. We only hope the Legislature will not disgrace itself about the matter, and that the State will be re-districted with reference to compactness of the districts, contiguity of the counties, and not with the interests of individuals in view. — *Statesville Landmark*.

Gen. Grant Rapidly Sinking. New York, March 2.—At midnight Gen. Grant's condition was reported to be unchanged. The General was up during the day as usual, but his physicians and friends have given up all hope of his recovery. His doctors say he is gradually sinking. There were many callers at the house to-day.

GEN. GRANT. — In regard to the condition of Gen. Grant, Col. Fred Grant says his father is a very sick man. He has had little rest for the past few nights, and is suffering constant pains in his ear and head. Dr. Douglas said he had a talk with Dr. Sands at Gen. Grant's house, and the result of the consultation was that both decided that the cancerous growth at the root of the tongue was hardening and steadily growing worse. Microscopic examination made by an expert proved beyond doubt that it was a case of malignant epithelial growth. Gen. Grant is a very sick man, and it is thought there is little or no hope that he will recover.

BEWARE. — Two ladies were recently fatally hurt in Petersburg, Va., by their clothes taking fire from a stove.

THE LEGISLATURE.

TAKEN FROM THE RALEIGH DAILIES.

Dr. Wiseman said: Mr. President: I rise to a question of personal privilege for the first time.

On the 23rd of January, 1885, an act was ratified changing the time of holding the Superior courts of Davie and Yadkin counties. I called that day at the Secretary of State's office to arrange for sending out to all proper persons notices of the same. I was informed that the act was in the hands of the printer, and as soon as printed certified copies would be sent.

I followed this up daily for three days when, on Monday the 26th, I was informed that the notices were all sent out, and that I might rest in possession of the matter.

I will here state that in all these visits I was accompanied by my colleague in the House of Representatives, H. E. Robertson. We heard from home and it was so well and generally known there that we never suspected anything was wrong. On Tuesday night, we learned that the judge had not arrived, we wired him at his home and have not received an answer till his presence in this city. He states that he did not receive any notice till then. We forthwith called and lodged an inquiry at the office of the Secretary of State, to what had really taken place, and received from that office the reply which I now send forward to be read from the desk. The clerk read the following:

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.
RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 26, 1885.
Dr. J. W. Wiseman and Mr. H. E. Robertson:

GENTLEMEN: — In reply to your inquiries I beg to state that an act to change the time of holding the Superior courts of Davie county, etc., was ratified on the 23rd of January, 1885. On the same day Dr. Wiseman called on me for a copy of the same, to be sent to the clerks and sheriffs of Davie and Yadkin counties. I informed him that I had sent a copy of the bill down to the printer, and sent to said officers. Sometime thereafter both of you called together to see if the matter had received attention. The printed copies of the act had just been received by me, and after sending copies to the said sheriffs and clerks, and to the judge of the district, I gave copies to you. That was on Monday after the ratification of the act on Friday. Between Friday and Monday, I remember distinctly, that each of you asked me more than once if the act had been printed, and in fact became an act both of you followed it up until copies of it were sent to the officers to be affected.

Very respectfully,
W. L. SAUNDERS,
Secretary of State.

Now, Mr. President, it appears from this answer that no fault attaches to the representative or senator from Davie, and I thus speak of it to put our vindication on record, and let the responsibility rest where it belongs and can be fixed. It would seem that all proper means were used, and the fault, if any, possibly be in the uncertainty of the mails or to some fortuitous circumstances over which we have no control.

It was unfortunate in every particular. Our constituents have suffered material damage in many ways. The bill taxing dogs and promoting sheep husbandry was indefinitely postponed—ages 58, says 54. The following bills passed second readings: To give Wayne county the stock law (substitute adopted); to authorize Lenoir county to levy a special tax, to give Bamberg, Wake, Edgecombe, Rowan, Davie, Granville, Chatham, Wilson, Harnett, Surry, Catawba, Madison, Lincoln, New Hanover, Randolph, Vance, Person, Rockingham, Yadkin and Polk counties the benefits of the Mecklenburg road law—vote, ages 41, says 27.

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In the Senate, bill to incorporate Winston Fire Company No. 1, passed second and third readings. Bill to incorporate Mt. Holly and Danbury Railroad company, Stokes county, passed.

Bill to secure to creditors a just division of estates of debtors conveyed to assignees for the benefit of creditors, passed second and third readings. In the House, bill to require county commissioners to build fire proof vaults passed second and third readings. Bill to provide for the payment of jurors drawn on special venire passed second and third readings. The Finance Committee has reported the revenue bill to the General Assembly. It makes no change in the rate of taxation, which is left before at 25 cents on the \$100 valuation. Mr. Tate said that the committee left this matter somewhat open, so that the House could fix the rate, which may perhaps be cut down to 21 cents. The only change in the bill are in the taxes upon peddlers and itinerant merchants. The tax on peddlers is now 815 per annum; the bill makes three classes of peddlers, paying \$5, \$10, and \$20, respectively. The tax upon itinerant merchants is a new provision. It is fixed at \$50 per annum. The *News-Observer* states that there has been much discussion of the tax upon merchants (upon purchases) and druggists. This committee has permitted to stand as at present, without any change. The bill is in the hands of the printer.

—The Durham Reporter says: On the arrival of last evening's train President K. P. Battle was met at the depot by 75 students with 100 feet of paper attached to a top lanyard. The train was placed therein and hauled through mud and mire to the Campus, under the light from 25 torches. The President made a brief but happy talk and thanked the boys for the ride. The result of his efforts in securing the appropriation to the University is fully appreciated.

FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—The Senate in executive session to-day confirmed the following nominations: Geo. H. Craig, United States district attorney for the northern and middle districts of Alabama, and William L. Scruggs, of Georgia, to be minister plenipotentiary to the United States of Columbia. The President has directed that the number of internal revenue districts in the State of North Carolina be increased from two to three, to be numbered the fourth, fifth and sixth districts. Isaac J. Young has been designated as collector of the fourth district, and Thomas N. Cooper as collector of the sixth district. It is not expected that the vacancy in the fifth district will be filled during the present administration.

Owing to the heavy payments from the public treasury during the present month, for pensions and other obligations, it is estimated that there will be but a small reduction of the public debt for February.

Mr. York and the River and Harbor Bill.

In the House of Representatives on the 18th, the river and harbor appropriation bill being under consideration, Mr. York introduced the following amendment, to wit: For improving the Yadkin river, North Carolina, from the railroad bridge, near Salisbury, to Wilkesboro, \$50,000, twenty-five thousand to be spent on the Wilkesboro end and twenty-five thousand on the Salisbury end, and said: "Mr. Chairman, I hope the amendment will be adopted. The Yadkin river is a river of considerable importance in western North Carolina. There has been quite a large amount of money spent there for the improvement of that river from first to last. It runs through a very fertile section of North Carolina, which, however, is entirely destitute of railroad facilities. It is much needed by the people of that section for the commerce of that portion of the State, and I hope it will be the pleasure of the House to adopt the amendment."

The amendment was rejected.

In Our State Again.

Two swindlers who go by the name of Summerfields, have been reaping a rich harvest from our country friends and it is about time that the Summerfields should be caught and punished. They commenced in Union county, then went to Anson and Richmond, thence into South Carolina and now they turn up in Lincoln county. They have swindled the country people out of thousands of dollars, their way of operating having already been described by us, but for the benefit of our country friends we repeat it. They go about the country in a fine wagon, loaded with goods and dress a farmer's house where they spend the night. They make themselves exceedingly pleasant and represent that they have become rich through merchandising, but are just retiring from the business. They have some of their unsold goods with them, and as their host has been kind, they want to show their appreciation by selling him some goods at less than half cost. They pile up broadcloth, silks and fine linens before the eyes of the astonished farmer and never sell less than \$100 lots. The bargain appears so tempting that the farmer seldom fails to accept. After the good, kind merchants have gone, he finds that he has paid \$100 for goods worth at the very highest not more than \$10. Of course these Summerfields may vary their tale, but they always aim at the single end of selling \$100 worth of goods and then shipping. They have shipped a box of goods to Concord, and the people of Cabarrus should be warned. The first time these swindlers are seen they should be arrested at once. There are charges enough against them in this State to keep them in the penitentiary for the remainder of their lives. — *Charlotte Observer*.

Dogs and Sheep.

The Raleigh *News and Observer*, gives the following feature of the bill which the Legislature was afraid to pass: The bill to protect sheep came up on Wednesday as a special order. We believe its chief feature is to impose a tax of one dollar on dogs, provided that any man who keeps two sheep may keep one dog without paying any tax on him. The operation of the law is, then, to offer a premium for a man to keep 2 sheep. Such a farmer would have his dog exempt from paying his dollar. We favor the bill square out. There is, it is true, an apprehension that people will not pay a dog tax, but we pay a dog tax, and others can do the same. There are nearly 400,000 families in North Carolina, and if each family keeps a dog, the dog tax would yield the State \$400,000. It is less to be sure the amount, remitted as a set-off to "two sheep." Under such a law the State tax on land could be much reduced and the people would become thrifty and able to pay their taxes with ease. If a man started out to keep two sheep, he would not stop there. He would soon have a flock of at least dozen, and the wool would be worth much more than his entire county and State taxes would amount to. Such a law in three years would make more than a million dollars for the income of our people, and as soon as they began to appreciate how valuable the wool crop is, they would go into the business largely. We are terribly in earnest on this sheep question. As the matter stands wool is highly protected, and the tariff will never be entirely abolished. Let the people of North Carolina seek to avail themselves of its benefits, as they have to be robbed by its exactions. That is our philosophy.

—There are all the evidences of a coming storm; the very air vibrated with the odor of danger! but when the kind father took from his pocket a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup then came a calm, for the baby had the cough and would now get well.

GENERAL NEWS.

GATHERED FROM HOME AND ABROAD.

—Nine convicts were whipped at Newcastle, Del., a few days ago, eight for larceny and one for burglary. Eight received ten lashes each, and one twenty, and was required to stand in the pillory one hour.

—Yale College this year has 1,077 students, 619 being in the academic department, 99 in the theological school, 29 in the medical school, 67 in the law school, 37 in the art school, 298 in the scientific school, and 18 post graduates.

MADRID, March 2.—Further severe shocks of earthquake were felt yesterday at Grenada, Loja and Alcala. A number of houses in those places were destroyed. No reports have been received from villages in the vicinity as to the effect those shocks had upon them, but it is feared that a number of fatalities occurred among the village people.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The business failures occurring throughout the country during the last week, as reported to R. G. Dunn & Co's mercantile agency, number for the United States, 243, and for Canada 40; a total 283; against 290 last week and 270 the week previous. The greater number of casualties are in the Western, Southern and Pacific States, as usual.

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY.—The annual report of Mr. Spofford, librarian of Congress, for the calendar year 1884, has been submitted to the Senate to-day by Mr. Sherman. The report says the library contains 544,687 volumes and 185,000 pamphlets, an increase of 31,246 over the previous year. The law library which is included in the above statement, contains 63,265 volumes. The copyright office, the report says, still shows an increased business, notwithstanding the commercial and industrial depression.

WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 24.—There have been reports for some time past of great distress in portions of the counties of Lewis, Braxton, Calhoun and Gilmer, this State. The distress has been caused by the crops being ruined last summer by the drought and the unusual severity of this winter. While neighboring sections of people are actually famished for the want of proper food, a large amount of stock of all kinds have died. Yesterday the legislature took measures to relieve the sufferers.

—An interview with Dr. Toner, of Washington, who was a member of the commission in charge of the ceremonies at the dedication of the Washington monument. Saturday, reveals the fact that the number of people akin to the Father of his Country whom invitations to the ceremonies were sent was about 300. Thirteen gentlemen bearing the name of Washington had seats together on the floor of the House of Representatives on the occasion of the dedicatory services, and in the gallery were seated thirty ladies of the same blood. Nearly all were great grand nieces or nephews.

HANDLING THE EXPRESS MONEY.—The express men say that the express hands of the late General of the treasury office at Washington City is all that has saved the company from a heavy loss of money by the recent accident between Alexandria and Washington. Of the two safes in the cars one was a through safe from New Orleans and the other was a way safe, and the two contained over \$100,000 in cash. The chartered money was submitted to an examining committee of lady clerks, consisting of Mrs. Roseburg, of the United States Treasury's office; Mrs. Wright from the Register's office; Mrs. Rabbitt, of the Secretary of the Treasury's office; and the office of Comptroller of the Currency. At first glance the contents of the safes seemed a mass of charred paper, but the lady experts were able to establish the denominations of a good portion of the money, although it was done up in packages which were burned to cinders.

The ladies would take a charred package, and by deftly inserting a thin knife, would chip off the outer shell, which would expose either the face or the back of the next sheet. It would remain some distinguishing mark familiar to the experts by which they could at once tell its value. In this way they would obtain a good view of every note in a package. The operation was a very interesting one.

The Highest in the World.

Washington's Monument is the highest in the world, its cap stone being 555 feet above the ground. It stands on a spot of ground approved by President Washington in 1791, and can be seen from all parts within twenty miles of the elevated spot of ground on which it is erected. The corner stone was laid July 4, 1848 when Robert Winthrop, then Speaker of the House of Representatives, made the principal address. President Grant was present on December 6, 1884. It was originally intended that Mr. Winthrop, who still lives, but is in feeble health, should dedicate the monument. Mr. Winthrop's health prevented this, but he prepared a speech and Congressman Long, of Massachusetts, read it during the ceremonies Saturday.

The entire cost of the monument was \$1,187,710, and of this sum Congress contributed \$900,000. At its base the obelisk measures 55 feet square and the walls are 15 feet thick. The top of the monument is a pyramidical top, 7 feet thick. The pyramidical top begins at the bottom 500 feet mark, where the dimensions are 34 feet 6 inches. The roof is 55 feet high, the crown piece is 3,300 pounds, and the weight of the entire shaft is \$2,000 tons. The area covered by the foundation is 16,002 square feet; the sub-foundation is composed of Portland cement concrete, 15,000 barrels of which were used in the work. The visitor finds comfortable means of ascent to the summit from within the monument. An elevator stairway of 900 steps and an elevator of seven tons capacity are provided for this purpose.

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Opens with a frontispiece picture of "Monumental President Garfield," to illustrate this month's installment of "Among the Law-makers," in which the boy-page tells also of General Grant's second inauguration, and compares these with the inaugurations of Presidents George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. This is of special and timely interest to all patriotic American girls and boys. Another attractive series is entitled "The Children of the Cold," by Lieutenant Schwatka, the Arctic explorer. E. P. Roe has the second chapter of "Driven Back to Eden," illustrated by Birch and W. H. Drake; while W. A. Rogers successfully performs a similar office for three chapters of J. T. Crowbridge's popular serial, "His One Fault." Among the shorter stories are: a charming tale by Mrs. Julia Schayer, called "Liesel," "Little Kine," a bright story-sketch by M. C. Gruffs, of child-life in Japan; a clever story by Samie Sweet, with the title "How Santa Claus found the Poor-house"; and there are other stories, sketches, and poems by Louise Stockton, Ceila Baxter, Malcolm Douglas, and others.

Expenses of the White House.

The cost of maintaining the presidency far exceeds the \$50,000 yearly salary of its incumbent. His private secretary is paid \$3,250, his assistant private secretary \$2,250, his stenographer \$1,800. Five messengers each \$1,200, a steward \$1,800, two doorkeepers who each get \$1,200, four other clerks at good salaries, one telegraph operator two ushers getting \$1,200 and \$1,400, a night-usher getting \$1,200, a watchman who gets \$500, and a man to take care of the fires who receives \$864 a year. In the appropriation bill for the coming fiscal year there is set down \$88,000 for incidental expenses, such as stationery, carpets, and the care of the presidential stable, \$12,500 for repairs and refurbishing the White House, \$2,500 for food, \$4,000 for the green house, \$15,000 for gas, matches, and the stable. This brings the total cost of supporting the White House and its occupants up to about \$125,000 a year.

THE GREATEST AND THE BEST.

LOCAL ITEMS.

AN EPITOME OF THE WEEK'S DOINGS.

Departure and arrival of Trains on the Salem Branch—N.W.C.R.R.
 No. 9 Leaves Salem, 6:00 a. m.
 " 11 Arrives " 1:30 p. m.
 " 12 Arrives " 5:10 p. m.
 " 13 Leaves " 11:57 a. m.

MARCH.

Thou month of wind and rains,
 We watch thy storms with pain,
 Yet with thee here,
 For see! thou bringest Spring,
 And with it birds, their cheer,
 Which softer thoughts will bring,
 And banish fear.

—Thomas Turner is still very ill.
 —Danbury, Stokes County, put up ice 5 inches thick.
 —The 5th U.S. Internal Revenue District has been re-established.

A. S. Jones bought the Wilson farm of 60 acres, about a mile below town, for \$750.

—C. B. Watson, Esq., who has been seriously ill for some time, is improving.
 —Severe colds and pneumonia still prevail, the latter mostly of a mild type, however.

—The Forsyth Riflemen's Minstrel show on last Friday and Saturday nights, was a success.

—A. A. Springs, recently from Advance, Davie County, has become a citizen of this place.

—Lewis Page, col., has been detected stealing a vest from a trunk at the depot, and was jailed last Monday.

—A man with a harp and two small boys with fiddles amused the town and picked up the dimes last week.

—Next Sunday is the third Sunday in Lent, with days 11 hours and 32 minutes long, leaving five weeks till Easter.

—Representative Shepperd paid a flying visit to his family, coming up Saturday night and leaving again Monday morning.

—Mr. Clark, from Massachusetts, who has rented Sunny-side, on our several times, and seems well pleased with his surroundings.

—Mrs. Dr. Wiseman, of Farmington, Davie county, has returned from the New Orleans Exposition, spending a day in this place, on her way home.

COAL GAS.—A movement seems to be on foot to establish coal gas works in Salem, which gas is said to be not so dangerous as coal oil and cheaper.

—Roads rough and almost impassable in places. A proper system of road working during the summer season might improve the roads very much during the winter months.

LARGE LEAK.—John H. Zevilly, who has an oak leak, which he found near town, being probably one of the largest, if not the largest grown about here. It measures 16 1/2 inches.

—Wm. Longworth, agent for J. C. Lindley & Co.'s "Forest Proof" peach trees. The tree is a late bloomer, and rarely if ever misses to fruit. The purchasers found the trees in first class condition.

—Major W. M. S. Dunn, who has held the position of engineer and general superintendent of the Virginia Midland Railroad since 1881, has resigned that position to accept the general superintendency of the C. P. & V. R. R.—*Mr. Day News.*

—"Truth has a quiet breast," says Avon's bard, but when the breast is racked with a cough it can not be quiet. Try a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. The cough it will stay, the soreness allay, and you'll bless Dr. Bull for many a day.

—Flowers are scarce this season, yet occasionally we see the stately Calia and royal Camellia, grace the parlor window and reigning supreme in the pits and greenhouses. The gardens are yet brown and bare and but for the perfume breath of the violet, and the delicate tints of the crocus, and the warm south wind, we could hardly realize the advent of the first month of Spring.

—We were pleased to see James Weir, who is back to his old home from Cosco, Connecticut, after an absence of twenty-four years. Mr. Weir is a native of the South Fork section, in Davidson County, and is glad to be among his old friends. He has a young friend with him, who is much pleased with the South. He remarked that the old man walked more erect than they did at home, where they stooped and leaned heavily on their canes.

—Persons visiting WACHOVIA PARK are respectfully requested not to mutilate trees, nor to break down or cut off saplings for walking canes or other purposes;—not to interfere in any way with the undergrowth, nor to remove anything from place to place without special permission. Persons are welcome to visit and enjoy the Park; but as it belongs to a corporate body, persons known to commit trespass, or to do injury in any way, are liable to be dealt with according to law.

Commissioners' Court.
MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

Ordered that the resignation of H. F. Byrd, school commissioner in district No. 29, be received and that R. W. Hedgecock be appointed in his place.

It is ordered by the Board that the voting place in Salem precinct be removed from the Salem Hotel, to Belo's Hotel in said town.

The petition asking for a public road to be laid out from Sprinkle's Ferry on the Yadkin river, to a point on the Old Richmond road, near on the Old Richmond road, a distance of 3 1/2 miles was taken up, and there appearing no objection to the laying out of the proposed road, and that persons over whose lands said road is to pass, have had 20 days notice of the filing of said petition. It is thereupon ordered that the prayers of James Reed, John M. Long, John H. Kapp, W. H. Long and P. F. Holder be appointed Commissioners to lay out the said road according to petition and to assess damages, if any to persons on whose lands the said road shall pass, and report their proceedings to the Board as soon as practicable.

Ordered that so much of the resolution adopted at the last regular meeting of the Board, in regard to the passage of a bill in the Legislature appropriating certain property fines, forfeitures and license taxes to the graded schools of Winston, as relates to fines, forfeitures and license taxes, is hereby revoked, as the Board have learned, that they were laboring under a misconception of the true intention of that part of said bill at the time of the adoption of said resolution.

Ordered by the Board that the report of the Committee appointed in district No. 3, for the colored race, to condemn land for a school house be confirmed, and that the Committee of said district pay to B. Jones and wife Julia Jones \$20, as the price of said site instead of \$10, as recommended in their report.

—The Broad Bay Public School closed on the 25th ult., with a public exhibition. It was our pleasure to be present and witness the exercises which consisted in dialogues, recitations, &c. Among some of the most noticeable were Masters Johny Hine, Luther McCaughy, Mahlon Charles, Charlie Willard, Eugene Hine, Misses Isabel Yokely, Eliza J. Reed, Ellen Hine; in fact, all the pieces and songs were given in elegant style, showing careful training on the part of the teacher. A very large crowd was present, and all present seemed to enjoy the occasion from the oldest gray-headed father to the small boy, Miss Hendrix has proved an efficient teacher.

DAVIE COUNTY.—John Hairston, colored, broke into Thompson's bar room about five miles east of Mocksville, on Monday night, and stole the money drawer, containing money and some trunks. A party of men surrounded his house and captured him, when a scuffle ensued in which Hairston succeeded in escaping himself, all of clothing and gave leg bail.

Some time since notice was given that by an act of the legislature the time for holding the Superior Court for Davie County had been changed from the first Monday in March to the last Monday in February, and an additional week allowed, Monday last, being the day for court to convene, lawyers, jurors, criminals and litigants were present, and have been every day since, but up to noon, Thursday, no judge had arrived. Just who is in fault we are not prepared to say, but one thing is sure, some one is guilty of gross negligence and should be held to rigid account for it.

Since the above was put in type Sheriff Bailey has received a telegram announcing that the Secretary of State had failed to notify Judge McKay of the change, and hearing nothing from the Judge, Sheriff Bailey, at sunset of the fourth day, adjourned court until the Fall term, which convenes on the last Monday in August.—*Davie Times.*

See elsewhere.

—A list of Letters remaining in the Post Office at Salem, N. C., for the week ending Feb. 25th, 1885:

Mrs. A. J. Carter, Addie Carter, Eli Hines, Noah Hines, Miss Rose Jones, David Knott, Miss Mattie Locke, J. W. Marshall (2), Mrs. Sallie Nissen, John W. Russ, Miss N. S. Swain, Miss Lula Smith, Jane Smith, Franklin Spangh, Madison Stewart, Miss Lizzie Tice, Miss Anna Williams, Julia Walls, Charlie W. Woolen.

To obtain any of these letters the applicant must call for advertised letters. If not called for within one month they will be sent to the dead letter office.

J. BLICKENDERFER, P. M.

DEMOREST'S ILLUSTRATED MONTHLY MAGAZINE for March opens with a capital article, "A Visit to the New Orleans Exposition," which is profusely illustrated. The serial, "A Strange Girl," is continued, and "Salvator Rosa," "In Hans Makart's Studio," "The Women of Tennyson's Poems," "The Genesis of Names," "Business Methods for Women," by Jenny June, and "From the Pencil to the Brush," are all articles of sterling merit. The practical nature of this admirable publication makes it very acceptable in the household. This number, among other illustrations, has a fine oil picture of "Spring."

HAPPENINGS IN THE STATE.

NO. THEY ARE NOT AFRAID.—Tax the 500,000 dogs of North Carolina just \$1 each, very reasonable, and give the amount to the cause of education and we would have a larger school fund whether or not the Blair Bill passes. And then sheep would be somewhat afraid of it. But the average legislator is afraid of obduracy should he vote for such a bill.—*Laurinburg Exchange.*

—Mr. Stotwell, editor of the Raleigh *Former and Mechanic* says: "During our confinement in the Albany penitentiary, we had to handle—trim heel and toe—60 pairs (120 shoes) per day. First and last we trimmed at least 75,000 shoes during our time." They were ladies' kid, high button, with tassels; tops; the finest quality. Nearly all were sold "out West," and sizes ran from 3's to 10's. In a case or box of 60 pairs, not exceeding 3 pairs would be less than No. 4's.

—In Statesville, one night last week, a temperance lecturer named Best delivered a lecture in the town hall, and made some remarks that excited unpleasant feelings among the revenue men, the lecturer, we are informed, having once been in the revenue service himself. At a certain stage in his lecture several little white objects were seen flying over the heads of the audience, aimed in the direction of the speaker, and as they struck about the platform a loud order was painfully observable. The speaker had been eulogized. Considerable excitement ensued and trouble seemed imminent, but no arrests were made, and so far as heard of no further difficulty has occurred.—*Charlotte Observer.*

DEATH OF PATRICK MCGOWAN.—One day last week this venerable citizen of Raleigh and one of its landmarks, passed to his last rest, very quietly, after an illness of three weeks. He was born in county Sligo, Ireland, March 19th, 1809, and came to Raleigh in 1831. He was one of the stonecutters on the capitol here, and was employed there for 7 years. Afterwards he was a building contractor here. Before the war he was a doorman to the Senate and was for thirteen years mail agent here. After the war he was for four years keeper of the capitol. He was highly esteemed and was in all respects a representative Irishman.—*Visitor.*

—The Clayton *Bud* says: "There now lies within 6 miles of Clayton, an old engine, supposed to be the second ever used in this State. It was purchased by Thomas F. Christman, now deceased, about fifty years ago, and was first put up at Tipper's cross roads, ten miles northwest of Raleigh, to run a carding machine. Some years later Mr. Christman moved his machinery and the ancient engine down eight or ten miles below Raleigh, where it was used for carding cotton. The engine was finally purchased by Dr. Watson and removed to Watson's mills, six miles below Clayton. It is still the property of Col. J. W. B. Watson, and lies near his mills on the banks of the river, completely covered over, and surrounded by briars and shrubbery."

[Mr. Christman was a native of Salem, and well known by the older portion of this community.]

IS BABYHOOD FOR FEBRUARY? "The Baby" in Bath, with all that pertains to it, by Marian Harland, makes one of the most interesting and practical subjects yet touched upon by this magazine. An important article on "False Croup; its Prevention and Treatment," is by Dr. John H. Ripley, professor of the diseases of children at the New York Medical College. George E. Waring, Jr., the well known sanitary engineer, gives many practical suggestions regarding plumbing in its relation to pure air for nursery inmates. Harlan H. Ballard, whose labors in the young people's Agassiz Association have identified him as a friend of all lovers of nature, contributes a charming paper on "Nature in the Nursery," urging the desirability of giving full sway to inquiries by the little ones about their friends, the flowers, the pebbles, and the birds.

Dr. Cyrus Elson, of the New York Board of Health, writes on "Poisonous Candy" in a manner calculated to make a vast difference in the purchases of certain kinds of colored confectionery if his advice were heeded. The department of "Nursery Problems"—queries by readers, with answers by the editors—is becoming exceedingly useful, comprising a great variety of topics of interest to all.

A HORRIBLE GALLOW'S SCENE.
 Three Unsuccessful Attempts to Hang an English Murderer.

One of the most singular incidents ever connected with the gallies of a murderer, happened Monday at Exeter, England, on the occasion of carrying out the death sentence passed upon John Lee, who was recently condemned to be hanged for the murder of his employer, Miss Emma A. W. Keyes, at Babbaeome, on November last.

The details of the life attempts to hang Lee, make the case the most horrible that ever disgraced the gibbet in England. At first Lee was perfectly firm and went to the scaffold undaunted. When the first attempt to hang him failed, the prisoner's spirit seemed broken. He was led from under the gallows and walked back to his cell with a firm step. When he was made to realize that the gibbet had not done its work and that he was not yet hanged, he appeared to start, as if from a nightmare.

The machinery was examined, and the woodwork was found wet and swollen, so that the spring and trap would not move quickly and smoothly. The machinery was then oiled and moved until the officers were convinced that it was in perfect condition. Lee was again brought out, stood firmly upon the trap, and when the spring clicked he seemed again to drop in perfect physical surrender. But the machine again refused to do its work.

The vicim shuddered, as if shaking himself out of some horrible dream, and the executioner pounded the framework and stamped upon

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